

1C –drawn to third embodiment (pg 7, lines 7-13).

1D – drawn to fourth embodiment (pg 7, lines 14-22).

1E drawn to fifth [sic -fourth] embodiment (pg 8, lines 1-16).

1F drawn to sixth [sic-fifth] (pg 8, line 17 to pg 9, line 3).

1G – drawn to seventh [sic- sixth] (pg 9, lines 4-22).

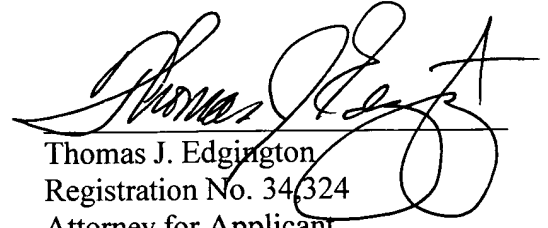
1H – drawn to eighth [sic-seventh] embodiment (pg 10,line 1 to pg 11, line 6).

Responsive to this restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully elects Group IA (claims 1-3 and 19-23). Applicant expressly retains the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in divisional applications in the future. Applicant understands that, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

Examination of the subject application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. However, if the Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding Applicant's present response to the restriction requirement, he is invited to contact the

Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

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